IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: Claims 2-4 have been amended as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A wire harness excessive length absorbing device comprising: a case for receiving a wire harness having an inlet and an outlet for the wire harness; an urging member for urging the wire harness toward an inside of the case; and

a harness roller on which the wire harness being rolled, said harness roller reciprocally moving under acting forth of the urging member,

a harness guide mounted on the outlet and curved toward the inlet for guiding the harness to the outside of the case.

Claim 2 (original): [[the]] The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1,

wherein the harness guide is curved in the same direction as a direction of the wire harness being rolled on the harness roller.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in claim 1 [[or 2]],

wherein a radius of corner of the harness guide is formed equal to or larger than a thickness of the case.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): The wire harness excessive length absorbing device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1,

wherein the outlet is disposed in a direction perpendicular to that of the inlet.